

We are dedicated to preserving the safety of our rural communities.



Pierce County Fire District #23 in Elbe, Washington, prides itself on being responsive to its rural residents. When USDA Rural Development Community Programs Specialist Debbie Harper and Olympia Area Specialist Bruce Whittle approached Fire Chief Garry Olson about equipment upgrades, they became local heroes. Through the vital funding from USDA Rural Development's Economic Impact Initiative Grant, Harper and Whittle helped the fire district purchase a new ambulance in 2004. Since then, additional grant awards have provided upgrades to other safety and rescue equipment for the Elbe facility.

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